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((TEXT)) PARIS, MARCH 12 (AFP) -- PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK OF CAMBODIA SAID TODAY HIS FORCES HAD NO INTENTION OF MAKING A DIRECT ATTACK ON PHNOM PENH BUT HE WAS CERTAIN HIS ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION (RGNUC) AND THE KHMER ROUGE WOULD BE IN POWER IN THE CAMBODIAN CAPITAL BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE PRINCE, WHO EXPRESSED HIS VIEWS ON CAMBODIA'S POLITICAL FUTURE IN INTERVIEWS WITH THE FRENCH TELEVISION AND RADIO, SAID NO OUTRIGHT ATTACK ON PHNOM PENH WAS PLANNED TO PREVENT THE AMERICANS

FROM INTERVENING DIRECTLY IN THE BATTLE WITH LAND, SEA AND AIR FORCES.. THE ANTI-LON NOL STRATEGY WAS BASED ON A WAR OF ATTRITION, HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT AFTER THE OVERTHROW OF LON NOL, THE KHMER ROUGE WOULD BECOME THE "SOLE MASTERS OF THE DESTINY OF THE NATION AND THE KHMER COUNTRY." THE LON NOL REGIME WAS NOW "AT THE END OF ITS ROPE" AND TOTAL VICTORY FOR THE PRO-SIHANOUK FORCES COULD OCCUR BEFORE THE END OF 1975, HE FURTHER STATED.

QUESTIONED ON THE FORM OF THE REGIME AFTER THE OVERTHROW OF MARSHAL LON NOL, PRESIDENT OF THE CAMBODIAN REPUBLIC, PRINCE SIHANOUK SAID: "AFTER THE LIBERATION OF PHNOM PENH, THE KHMER ROUGE WILL BE THE SOLE MASTERS OF THE DESTINY OF THE NATION AND THE KHMER COUNTRY. IT WILL BE UP TO THEM TO DECIDE WHETHER TO CALL CAMBODIA A 'KINGDOM' OR A 'REPUBLIC.'"

HE ADDED THAT THE KHMER ROUGE HAD GIVEN HIM ASSURANCES THAT "CAMBODIA WOULD CONTINUE TO BE CALLED A KINGDOM AND THAT NORODOM SIHANOUK WOULD REMAIN AS HEAD OF STATE OF CAMBODIA."

THE KHMER ROUGE "WHO WELL DESERVE IT IN ALL RESPECTS WILL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNAL POLICY, GOVERNMENT AND THE COUNTRY'S ADMINISTRATION", THE PRINCE SAID.

REGARDING THE FATE OF MARSHAL LON NOL AND HIS CLOSE AIDES, THE PRINCE RECALLED THE RECENT DECISION OF THE SIHANOUK-BACKED NATIONAL CONGRESS PRESIDED BY KHIEU SAMPHAN, THE KHMER ROUGE LEADER, WHICH "SENTENCED TO DEATH THE SEVEN PRINCIPAL LEADERS OF THOSE WHO ALIENATED CAMBODIAN PEACE AND INDEPENDENCE".

THE "OTHER TRAITORS", HE SAID, WOULD BE GRANTED CLEMENCY IF THEY AGREED "NOT TOO LATE" TO COOPERATE WITH THE RGNUC.

IN ANOTHER INTERVIEW WITH RADIO FRANCE, THE OFFICIAL STATE-RUN RADIO, PRINCE SIHANOUK SAID THAT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION "THE LAST DESPEARATE, BUT NOT NEGIGIBLE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROLONG THE AGONY OF THE TRAITOR LON NOL, I THINK THE RGNUC COULD INSTALL ITSELF IN PHNOM PENH DURING THE NEXT DRY SEASON BEGINNING IN DECEMBER".

"BUT OUR VICTORY MIGHT WELL OCCUR MUCH SOONER", HE ADDED.

OUTLINING HIS FUTURE FOREIGN POLICY, HE SAID CAMBODIA WOULD REMAIN "NONALIGNED DESPITE ITS FRIENDSHIP WITH SOCIALIST

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COUNTRIES.

OTHER POINTS MADE WERE:

CHINA: IT WAS AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE CAMBODIA'S "BEST FRIEND".

UNITED STATES: THERE WOULD BE NO CONTACT WITH THE U.S. AS LONG AS IT CONTINUED TO "PROTECT" THE LON NOL REGIME BUT "IF THE UNITED STATES CEASED TO INTERFERE IN CAMBODIAN AFFAIRS, THE RGNUC WAS READY TO NORMALISE ITS RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AT STATE LEVEL".

WESTERN COUNTRIES: WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FRANCE, ALL THE WESTERN COUNTRIES HAD BEEN "SYSTEMATICALLY HOSTILE" TO THE RGNUC. "I HAVE TOLD KHMER ROUGE LEADERS THAT WE SHOULD NEVER FORGET THIS WHEN, IN THE FUTURE, OUR GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN CAMBODIA AND THE SO-CALLED FREE WORLD", PRINCE SIHANOUK ADDED. 121348 PURHAR

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LEAST OF ALL IS IT UP TO THE U.S. TO DECIDE WHEN CAMBODIA
SHULD CHANGE RULERS. OUR LAST ADVENTURE IN HELPING
TO OVERTHROW AN ALLY, THE 1963 COUP AGAINST NGO DINH DIEM,
WAS THE WORST SINGLE MISTAKE OF POSTWAR FOREIGN POLICY. IT
WAS THIS ACT MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE THAT BOGGED DOWN
THE U.S. IN VIETNAM.

WHY IS IT THAT CALLS LIKE THOSE SENATORS MANSFIELD AND
SCOTT ARE NOW ISSUING ALWAYS FOCUS ON OUR ALLIES? WOULD
THE SENATORS FAVOR A U.S. POLICY OF TRYING TO SECURE A NEW
GOVERNMENT IN THE SOVIET UNION, OR NORTH VIETNAM? WOULD
SENATOR SCOTT HAVE FAVORED USING AS MUCH PRESSURE AS
NECESSARY TO SECURE THE REMOVAL OF SALVADOR ALLENDE AS
PRESIDENT OF CHILE OR -- TO TAKE TWO STATES WHERE
THE PRESENT GOVERNMENTS WERE ESTABLISHED OR MAINTAINED
WITH HEAVY AMERICAN ASSISTANCE -- HOW ABOUT TRYING FOR
NEW RULERS IN SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN? NO DOUBT THE
SENATE WOULD BE AGHAST AT SUCH SUGGESTIONS, BUT TO
FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS IT APPLIES A DIFFERENT STANDARD.

TODAY'S CRIES TO REMOVE LON NOL ECHO CRIES IN LATE

1968 TO REMOVE NGUYEN VAN THIEU. BACK THEN THE ESSENTIAL
POINT WAS NEATLY SUMMED UP BY A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR
NAMED HENRY KISSINGER: "IF THIEU MEETS THE SAME FATE
AS DIEM, THE WORD WILL GO OUT TO THE NATIONS OF THE
WORLD THAT IT MAY BE DANGEROUS TO BE AMERICA'S ENEMY,
BUT TO BE AMERICA'S FRIEND IS FATAL."

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